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Wilson, Larry David. 1990. *Tantilla oaxacae*.

***Tantilla oaxacae* Wilson and Meyer**

*Tantilla oaxacae* Wilson and Meyer, 1971:26. Type-locality, "Santo Tomas Teipan, Oaxaca, México." Holotype, University of Illinois Museum of Natural History 40910, adult male, collected in February, 1965 by Thomas MacDougall (examined by author).

• **Content.** No subspecies are recognized.

• **Definition.** A species of *Tantilla* with a pale middorsal stripe occupying the middorsal row and adjacent halves of the paravertebral rows and a pale lateral stripe only slightly paler than the ground color on scale row 4 and adjacent halves of rows 3 and 5. The ground color is brown. An irregular dark brown stripe is present on the adjacent halves of rows 2 and 3. The venter is largely cream-colored. The head pattern consists of an incomplete (usually) pale nuchal collar, which crosses the posterior portion of the parietals but not the ultimate supralabial. The sides of the head are a darker brown than the dorsum and pale markings are present on the otherwise dark supralabials. Ventrals and subcaudals range from 145 to 158 and 46 to 52, respectively.

• **Diagnosis.** *Tantilla oaxacae* may be distinguished from all congeners by possession of a pale middorsal stripe occupying the middorsal and adjacent halves of the paravertebral scale rows, a pale lateral stripe on dorsal row 4 and adjacent halves of rows 3 and 5, a pale nuchal collar not crossing the ultimate supralabial, no diffuse dark stripe on the scales of the dark fields, and 145 to 158 ventrals and 46 to 52 subcaudals.

• **Descriptions.** Only the original description of Wilson and Meyer (1971) exists.

• **Illustrations.** Wilson and Meyer (1971) provided pen-and-ink drawings of lateral, dorsal, and ventral views of the head and anterior body, as well as the dorsal color pattern.

• **Distribution.** *Tantilla oaxacae* is known from three localities at moderate and intermediate elevations of the Pacific versant of southeast-central Oaxaca, México.

• **Fossil Record.** None.

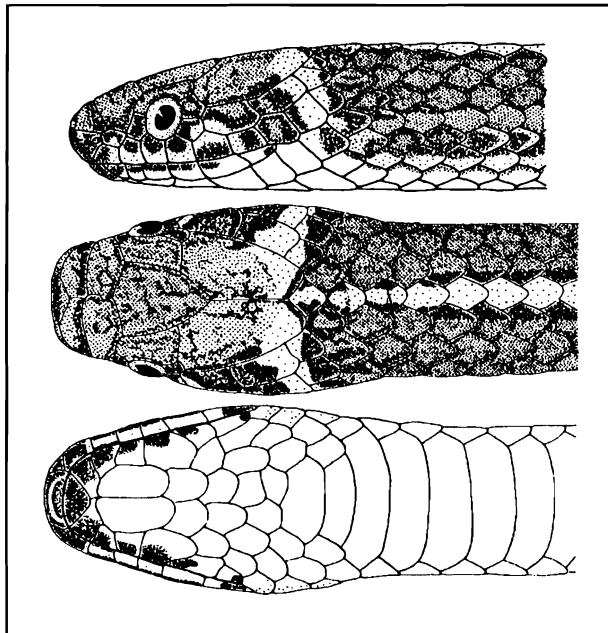
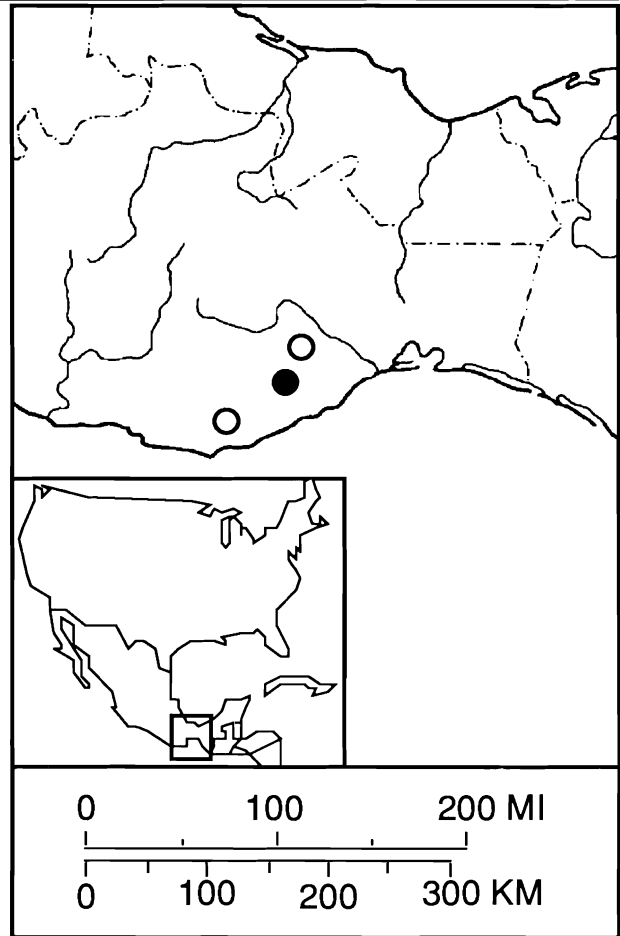


Figure 1. *Tantilla oaxacae*, from Wilson and Meyer (1971).



Map. Solid circle marks the type-locality, open circles mark other known localities.

• **Pertinent Literature.** All available information on this species, beyond its listing in Wilson (1982), is in Wilson and Meyer (1971).

• **Etymology.** The name *oaxacae* is a Latinized adjectival form of the Mexican state of Oaxaca, wherein the species lives.

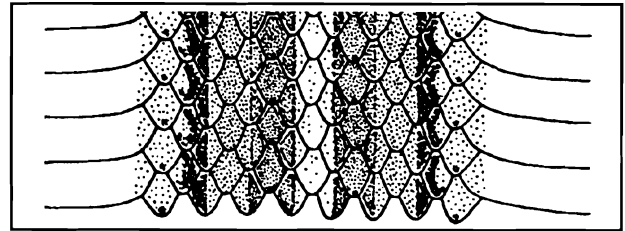


Figure 2. Dorsal pattern of *Tantilla oaxacae*, from Wilson and Meyer (1971).

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